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SUBJ: CIVAIR: FUEL SHORTAGES-INTERNATIONAL AVIATION

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1. DANSK ESSO (EXXON) PRESIDENT INFORMED US NOVEMBER 12 THAT  
THIS WEEK HIS COMPANY WILL BE CALLING IN ALL AIR CARRIERS WITH WHOM  
ESSO HAS SUPPLY CONTRACTS (17 INTERNATIONALS, INCLUDING PANAM,  
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AND 3 LOCAL CHARTER OPERATORS) TO INFORM THEN THAT, STARTING

THIS COMING WEEKEND, THEIR ALLOCATIONS OF AVIATION FUEL WILL BE 80 PERCENT OF NORMAL LIFTINGS. ESSO PRESIDENT UNDERSTANDS OTHER AVIATION FUEL SUPPLIERS ARE TAKING SIMILAR STEPS AND THAT CUT-BACKS WILL RANGE FROM ABOUT 15 TO 25 PERCENT.

2. MINISTRY OF COMMERCE OFFICIALS (HENRIKSEN) TOLD US THAT GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET FOCUSED ON AVIATION FUEL QUESTION BUT MAY DO SO IF SITUATION GETS CRITICAL. HIS OFFICE IS NOW CONCENTRATING EXCLUSIVELY ON AUTO AND HEATING FUEL SITUATION, HAVING ALREADY ESTABLISHED MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS OF 60 AND 80 KM/HR FOR CITY AND COUNTRY DRIVING, RESPECTIVELY, AND NOW CONSIDERING IMPOSITION OF BAN OF SUNDAY DRIVING. HE SEEMED UNAWARE OF OIL INDUSTRY PLANS TO ALLOCATE AVIATION FUELS. ESSO PRESIDENT FEELS, HOWEVER, THAT INDUSTRY OBTAINED GOVERNMENT APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE WHEN IT AGREED LAST WEEK, DURING DISCUSSION ON HEATING OIL SITUATION, TO LEAVE ALL ALLOCATIONS TO THE OIL INDUSTRY FOR THE PRESENT.

3. SINCE DANKS ESSO IS USUAL SUPPLIER FOR OFFICIAL US AIRCRAFT, WE ASKED ABOUT FUEL AVAILABILITIES FOR EMERGENCY AIR EVACUATIONS OR OTHER SPECIAL MISSION FLIGHTS. ESSO PRESIDENT, AFTER CHECKING WITH STAFF, ASSURED US THAT FUELS FOR SUCH FLIGHTS COULD BE SUPPLIED, FOR TIME BEING, ON UNANNOUNCED BASIS. HE URGED, HOWEVER, THAT THEY BE ADVISED IN ADVANCE, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

4. REGARDING PRIVATE AIRCRAFT FLIGHTS, SUCH AS BUSINESS FLIGHTS TO SOVIET UNION THROUGH COPENHAGEN, ESSO PRESIDENT STRONGLY ADVISED THAT AIRCRAFT OPERATOR CONFIRM WELL IN ADVANCE AVAILABILITY OF FUEL AT COPENHAGEN WITH PREFERRED SUPPLIER. HE NOTED THAT ESSO COULD NOT RPT NOT ASSURE FUEL AVAILABILITIES FOR SUCH TRIPS AND HE WAS CERTAIN THAT, UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, OTHER SUPPLIERS COULD NOT EITHER.

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